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WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—For Lower Michigan—Fair, except light local snows at lake stations; winds becoming variable.

PALMER'S TREACHERY.

When the inside history to the appointment of the Hon. Benton Hanchett to be circuit court judge shall be known the political glass-house of some of our statesmen will be shattered beyond repair. Somebody has been disloyal to the pledges made to the only candidate offered by Michigan. The unmistakable finger of suspicion is pointed toward ex-Senator Thomas W. Palmer. He was not alone in a treachery that is as transparent as the light of noonday. His partner in the transaction is a republican senator whose duties made it imperative that he should remain in Washington February 22.

By all the canons of honesty and rectitude in politics the nomination, if conferred upon any Michigan man, belonged to the Hon. Thomas J. O'Brien of this city. It was denied him through the instrumentality of treachery and deceit. The authors of the same are men who were openly and avowedly favorable to Mr. O'Brien. In the position of a moment Senator Stockbridge voiced the pent up indignation felt by all honest and sincere republicans. Still the harsh criticism of the president is not altogether deserved. But he had been betrayed by the man whose political ambitions have been frequently checked, and who nurses resentment toward the one least of all responsible for his reverses. Thomas W. Palmer has run his course in Michigan politics. Henceforth there is laid up for him nothing but the wormwood and gall of an ostracism he richly deserves. And not for him only, but for all others who look a hand in this despicable treachery. It must be understood that Mr. Hanchett is not included as a party to this deal. He is a high-minded and patriotic republican. His character is above reproach.

UNREWARDED MERIT.

Without considering the wisdom of ignoring the efficient subordinate officers of the police department the election of Harvey G. Carr to be superintendent will meet with general approval. He is as well qualified to discharge the duties of the office as any other citizen not familiar by personal contact with the department could be expected to be. He is a man of intelligence, has a good reputation as a disciplinarian and possesses a large measure of executive ability.

In going outside the fence to select a successor to Superintendent Eastman, however, the board has violated a time honored practice common to the rules of both public and private enterprises. The men who have built up the department and whose services have made it one of the most effective in the country are utterly ignored to give place to a gentleman, who, possessing high qualifications for the office, must be ignorant of the practical management of such an important branch of the city government.

No merchant would feel justified in placing an inexperienced clerk at the head of his credit department when he has at command the services of tried and trustworthy lieutenants. The theory of promotion is not nearly so potent as the practice. So the board, in passing over the faithful and efficient subordinates of the police department to select a chief, has pursued an unbusinesslike course. If a high grade of efficiency is to be maintained, merit must be recognized by deserved promotion. The captain, lieutenant and sergeant have little to encourage them, if their rewards are to be limited to the consciousness of duty well performed.

WILL NOT WORK.

Under the guise of non-partisanship the democrats are playing a desperate game to capture a judgeship for a democrat. To this end they have lured the broken factions of political dissidents into a preconceived combine. The combine has generously induced Judge Grove, who is invidious, and rallied his scattered forces to select a democrat. This scheme is seriously referred to as a wholesale plan to elevate the judiciary above politics. It is about the most diaphanous, not to say opaque, partisan dodge ever concocted by tricky politicians.

The democrats have absolutely nothing to lose by such a scheme. Judge Grove is sure to be elected. With an absolute security loss of picturesqueness this paper's haughty refusal of necessary aid, these patriots have aside party prejudices to purify the judiciary by

electing a democrat. It is not the election of a non-partisan ticket they desire so much as it is to elect one democrat in a strongly republican district. It will not work. The republican candidates for judge will stand squarely to the rack. The democrats will vote for Judge Grove, and the republicans will vote their ticket. If there be too few republicans to overcome the united and consolidated opposition to Mr. Taggart, then he will fail of election. If the republicans are more numerous than the heterogeneous conglomeration opposed to them, Judge Adair will be defeated.

BURT OUTWITTED.

Senator Doran is rapidly moving to the front as the leader of the democrats in the senate. His splendid efforts in behalf of the University one fifth mill tax are not more appreciated than his astute diplomacy in outwitting the opposition of the world's fair extra appropriation. By a clever parliamentary stroke he forestalled the oratory of Senator Fox and silenced the guns of the Saginaw millionaire-war-dog of the treasury.

During the proceedings in the senate Friday, Senator Doran caught the eye of President Giddings and moved to take up the report of the committee on the world's fair additional appropriation of \$50,000. Senator Fox had just stepped into a cloak room, but Senator Burt bristled with eager anxiety to open debate. It was moved that the report of the committee be not concurred in, and nobody offered to address the senate the motion prevailed. Senator Burt had lost his bearings in looking for Senator Fox, and before either of them could object Senator Doran had the original house bill referred to the committee of the whole.

By this bit of strategy, wearisome and unprofitable debate was cut off and the bill is now before the senate for a decisive vote when it shall be called up in committee of the whole. It is probable that a vote will be reached Wednesday when the bill will be passed by a narrow but safe majority.

WILL IT INTRACT?

Will the Grand Rapids Democrat be honest enough with its readers to tell them that Senator Barnard has not introduced a bill in the senate to provide for the election of a third circuit court judge? It is three days now since it was informed that no such bill had been introduced, but it has remained sullenly and stubbornly silent.

The miserable canard was published at a time when its injury to honorable men and an honorable cause was great. It placed the taxpayers favorable to the abolition of the superior court in an unenviable light before their constituents and impugned the integrity of a public official.

In the name of all that is fair and decent in newspaper-making The Democrat is obligated to retract its statement and acknowledge that it is and was without any foundation in fact. A failure to do so must earn for it the righteous contempt of every citizen. A failure to do so is equivalent to saying that it lied, knew it was lying, and is conscientiously determined to stick to it.

MOORE AND UHL.

It is not likely that Judge Hanchett will be confirmed. The senate will hold but one more regular executive session before its final dissolution Friday night at 12 o'clock. A single objection to the consideration of his appointment will be sufficient to postpone action for a week. Such postponement will prove fatal to the appointment.

The inevitable outcome of Palmer's treachery will be the appointment of a democrat judge to succeed the democrat whom President Harrison appointed to the supreme court. Thus the very consummation of partisanship it was sought to prevent will be brought about and the blame will be upon nobody so much as the men who defeated the selection of Mr. O'Brien.

Already the democrats have begun to intrigue for the place. The name most prominently mentioned is that of Judge Morse. It is represented that he is in a position to demand recognition. However this may be, his services for his party seem to justify some kind of reward. The name of ex-Mayor Uhl is also associated with the place. His ability and fitness are generally conceded. A very embarrassing situation would be thrust into the canvass if Judge Morse and ex-Mayor Uhl were to contest for the prize. The latter nominated the former for vice-president in the Chicago convention, and was one of his most active supporters in the state convention. Mr. Uhl would hardly be expected to wage a vigorous battle against one whom he extolled so highly in the two conventions. The men are fast friends to each other and to Don M. The result of the friendly contest will be awaited with interest. Perhaps The Parrot will venture to suggest one or the other and send it on to the "authorities."

WISELY CONCEDED.

Having given the subject careful study and investigation, the board of police commissioners has practically decided to permit the policemen to resume their annual benefit balls. This is in line with the suggestions made in these columns. It is in line also with a spirit of fairness and equity toward the men. The men will accept the condition upon which the permit is granted. It is for their own interest to hold aloof from the practice of soliciting merchants and others to purchase tickets. The offerings for their benefit will be much more numerous and spontaneous if left to the choice and generosity of the public. In this connection to the men the board has furnished proof of its desire to rise above the tendency toward imposing arbitrary restrictions upon the men. The men and the public will appreciate the changed attitude and the good results to flow therefrom.

In the Chicago street shop investigation the astonishing fact has been

brought to light that Sing Sing clothing is competing with the honest labor of underpaid girls and women in the Chicago markets. Honest toilers have difficulties enough in their struggle for existence without competing with the pauper labor of the east and the convict labor of the west.

Judge Adair's high qualities as a citizen and his enviable record as a judge make him a formidable candidate. He represents, however, the greed of his self-seeking partisans and will suffer more from yesterday's mongrel endorsement than he would if nominated as a straight-out democrat.

Mr. BENDER has had his own way in the police board. He is ambitious to have his own way in the superior court. If there is anything else Mr. Bender would like to boss in addition to the democratic party of this city he will please step up and make it known.

One of the peculiarities of American civilization is that men who are rated as millionaires when alive frequently turn out after they are dead, to have been paupers. Rufus Hatch's life insurance constitutes the bulk of the property he left.

If Representative White has not pigeon-holed the Stockbridge county bill he might bring it out and have the enacting clause passed and lack it on to the bond-enabling measure. That's as much of it as will ever see daylight.

What has become of one Adair Stevenson? Wasn't he elected to something or other last fall? In this discussion over the cabinet and a private secretary, part of the machine seems to have been lost sight of.

Now, how about this Thurber appointment? Did Mr. Cleveland consult the editor of The Parrot about it, and did the editor recommend Mr. Thurber? The public ought to know about these details.

TO CLEAR UP the reputation of an honest newspaper man, it may be stated that the Nye that has been snubbed by the governor of Indiana is not Bill Nye. The other Nye is a common lieutenant-governor.

PRESIDENT GREENBUSH of the whisky trust denies that the concern ever had any improper intentions. Of course it didn't. Who ever heard of a trust's having any intentions that were not proper?

MEMBERS of the Missouri legislature are to be indicted for playing poker. What in blazes does Missouri think men are elected to the legislature for? To make laws?

If Congressman Hatch had as much influence with his colleagues as he has upon the stock market, there might be some hope for his anti-option bill.

When the new superintendent of police shall take the reins of office, Messrs. Bender and Hatch will discover that he is a hard vehicle to ride.

THERE are just five more working days left for the present administration, but there are no more judgeship vacancies to be filled.

WHAT'S the matter with annexing Hawaii and making it an asylum for the cranks? Some disposition must be made of them.

CHAIRMAN HARRITY must feel by this time that his silver letter was the most idiotic mistake he ever made, or can make.

THERE are two editors in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, but their names are not Henry Watterson and Charles A. Dana.

MILLIONAIRE MACKAYE ROW has a faint conception of how Millionaire Sage felt after that little dynamiting episode.

SENATOR STOCKBRIDGE is a man of few and vigorous words.

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.
Well, what next? A republican legislature in North Dakota has just elected a democrat, W. N. Koeh, United States senator from that state. A democrat returned to the United States senate from one of the Dakotas. After that even a repetition of the deluge need not surprise anybody.—Marquette Journal.

A war of words on the school book trust has been raging in Chicago. The trust says nothing in reply, but quietly keeps on absorbing and digesting its profits. Next summer, during vacation, it will consider the question of giving the screw another twist.—Jackson Patriot.

"Hurrah for Cleveland, Gresham and Carls, a wet sheet and a flowing sea and a wind that follows fast!" cries Henry Watterson. But which is the wind, which the sea and which the sheet, Mr. Watterson does not specify.—Detroit Journal.

In the new cabinet J. Sterling Morton is the only representative of the vast territory extending west of the Mississippi. His shoulders should be broad to sustain the burden of such a responsibility. His head warranted not to swell or shrink under the honor.—Muskegon Chronicle.

An assault by a human beast upon a child in Detroit this week brought him six months in prison; a similar offender in Midland recently got seven years; in the chivalric south it is death at the stake. Such is justice! In a free country.—Clare Sentinel.

General Grant was once offered the presidency of the Panama Canal company, but declined because he regarded the scheme as impracticable. Very few men could have seen that far through any such amount of money.—Detroit Free Press.

HIT AND MISS BRIEVITIES.

Unless congress decide otherwise the doors of the Chicago world's fair will be closed on Sunday. This will be great and good news to the thousands of gamblers, gamblers, gamblers and

low concert rooms in the Windy city. So much for the policy of the veto guard.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Dr. Mercury Dickinson, Thomas P. Bayard, I. Finney Gray, William R. Morrison, Horace Boies, et al., will now swallow that lump in the throat and tell the reporters how pleased they are with the new cabinet.—Chicago Dispatch.

Sam Jones expressed his gratification the other day because he lived among people who had an other punishment for rape and seduction than extermination.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Phil Armour is likely to be nominated for world's fair mayor. Experience has convinced the Chicagoans that he is just the man to make ends meet.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Ward McAllister rather approves of hospices. Let Ward have any kind of money and he prefers it if it will stop him from chattering.—Troy Budget.

And now it appears that his full name is Michael Hake Smith, M. Hake Smith, Mike Hake! Great Scott! Chicago Mail.

Mr. Hallfrigid is a prominent member of the populist party in Kingman county, Kansas.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

The Railroad Gazette thinks it is only just and proper to say that it is now and always has been a mistake to speak of the elder De Lesseps as an engineer. "He never was an engineer, and we do not know that he ever claimed to be one," says The Gazette, and adds: "M. Eiffel is, however, and more is the pity."

Governor Fowler of New York has "a double" in the place of George F. Hand, traveling passenger agent of the Central Hudson road. They were both on the eastbound southwestern limited the other day, and both sat on the same seat, and created a great deal of amusement.

Professor Poole, for forty years connected with the British museum, lately being in charge of ancient coins, is about to leave that institution to become a lecturer in University college, Cambridge.

Uncle Abijah Walden, who was a coast guard in 1812, celebrated his 100th birthday in Lynn, Mass., this week. His fellow townsmen presented him with 100 silver dollars.

The movement for a monument to Commodore M. F. Maury, the famous writer on navigation and meteorology, meets with much favor all through the south.

At a recent religious gathering in London, W. C. Caine, M. P., made an address on temperance, while W. E. Abel acted as presiding officer.

Ex-Secretary Bayard, it is believed in Wilmington, will seek to return to the senate two years hence, when Mr. Higgins' term expires.

It was the policy of the late ex-President Hayes never to sell real estate that he had in any way acquired.

The first occupant of the bridal chamber in Atlanta's best hotel was Chief Justice Fuller.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

"I can't understand it," said Mr. Gresham at the gas office. "Last month my bill was \$10 and this month it is \$30. I haven't burned a bit more gas this month than I did last. Now, how in the name of honesty do you account for that?" "You didn't pay last month's bill," said the clerk.—Harper's Bazar.

First Wife—Well, Mrs. Brown knows where her husband is every minute in the day. Second wife—That's the kind of a husband I would like to have. "How does she manage it?" First wife—She had him sent to Sing Sing for bigamy.—Truth.

Excited Small Boy—Oh, Mr. Officer, the barber round the corner just now swallowed his razor! Officer McGobb—If ye will swear to that, I'll run him in for concealed weapons.—Indianapolis Journal.

"Are these cigars strong?" asked the man of the cigar dealer. "Are they?" replied the latter, "well, you just try to pull one and you'll see if they are."—Philadelphia Record.

And He Put It There.



Bertie—Aw, Miss Ethel, there is one thing I like about you.
Ethel—What is that, Mr. Softleg?
Bertie—My arm, dear.—Truth.

"Doctor," said the medical student, "is a blind man apt to be an idiot?" "Why, no. What makes you ask that?" "The adage says, 'Out of sight, out of mind.'—Puck.

"That will do for the present," as the young man remarked as he paid for a box of cheap candy for his sweetheart's birthday gift.—Philadelphia Record.

"It must have been dreadfully hard to wear those old suits of armor." "Yes, they have the appearance of being hard-worn."—Texas Sittings.

Every unmarried woman says she wouldn't stand it; and every married woman does stand it.—Athens Globe.

Hicks—Is that your dog? I suppose you consider him A-1? Wicks—Oh, no; he is B-2.—Boston Transcript.

Whatever may be said of a sweetheart she can't be too good to be true.—Philadelphia Times.

The man who is growing in weight generally "makes light of it."—Boston Courier.

NOTES OF LABOR.

Nineteen servant girls have organized a union at Huntington, I. I. When they demanded \$14 per month fine of their number were discharged, among them the president of the union, Miss Annie Butler. They are determined to extend their organization over Long Island, and also carry the agitation to Brooklyn and New York.

Labor bills pending in the legislature were introduced by the Central Labor union of New York as follows: Amend the conspiracy law, creating a state printing office; protecting union labels; closing barber shops on Sunday; and compulsory arbitration for settling strikes and lockouts.

In Bamford Brothers' silk mill, Peterboro, N. J., 500 operatives have been

"laid off" for an indefinite period. The firm does a great deal of work for John Washburn, and it is said that he has not been giving them as many orders recently as usual, but that they state that the firm stopped them only preparatory to a large cutting down of their wages.

The shops of the Mexican Central railroad at Chihuahua have been closed to union men for one year, and the American machinists employed there were discharged, and their places have been taken by cheap, working Mexicans.

The United Brewers' association has forwarded resolutions to the legislature demanding that the rapitration system in New York be built and operated by the municipal authorities.

CALLED HIM A PIG.

In reply to a fear expressed by Mayor Piquet while in Washington that Judge Hanchett would be compelled to retire from the council in the Detroit street railway cases, Senator Stockbridge is reported to have said: "I don't think the nomination will affect your interests. Mr. Hanchett's chances of confirmation is slight. You know the session is drawing to a close and there are so many affairs to come up that I do not think we shall be able to reach Mr. Hanchett's case."

Every sentence he uttered was bristling with the keenest irony, but he did not stay at that, for the next instant he said, speaking of President Harrison: "He is such a wise man; so much wiser than any one else. Why did he send in Mr. Hanchett's name without mentioning his intention to some of Michigan's representatives? I have no objection to Mr. Hanchett; he is an able man, eminently fitted for the position, but Mr. O'Brien's appointment was urged by Senator McMillin and myself. My friend O'Donnell here, put in his best efforts to secure his appointment, and what is the result? Snubbed! well, I should say so. I tell you that man is a d-d hog."

"Remember, Senator, you are speaking of the 'hog' of the United States," said Mr. O'Donnell gently. "That is true enough," replied the wrathful senator, "but he is a pig just the same, and his action in this matter is thoroughly characteristic of him."

WILL WRITE A REVIEW.

EDITOR OF THE HERALD—I have read THE HERALD comments upon Dr. Vaughn's lecture last evening, also the summing up of The Democrat. Both come so far short of the true "pith" of the subject, that I will give you a criticism from an engineering and scientific point of view at an early day.

My interests involved are so great that the humblest citizen cannot afford to ignore them. Truly yours, W. R. COYNE, C. & C. E.

MOST POPULAR TYPE.

THE HERALD comes out this week in a new dress. It is the custom of newspapers to say pretty things of a contemporary in a new dress. THE HERALD, in its new clothes, has one redeeming feature at least—the type is better, which is the most popular type for the average reader.—The Workman.

Must Be By Friends.

Possibly the pension laws of this country need revision, but they should be revised by friends of the old soldiers—the republicans. Amendments recently offered by the house of representatives, committee on appropriations were actually booted down, being so obnoxious and crude that even democratic majority could not stand them.—Hastings Banner.

He Expects to Be Dazzled.

Fashion has decreed that the black stocking has been used long enough, and this year we are to have very bright ones. A bright scarlet with black or white polka dots, plaids of vivid colorings and all gray shades profusely embroidered, are to be the fad. In wet weather it is expected they will be particularly attractive.—Saginaw Courier.

Tale of Two Congresses.

We still hear an occasional wisp from a democratic source against the billion dollar congress, in which Tom Reed was the highly accomplished czar. But this sort of thing can last only a week longer. The present congress will by the 4th of March have appropriated \$1,658,000,000, while the fifty-first drew \$988,000,000 out of the public treasury.—Jackson Citizen.

Doesn't Compare.

Congressman Belknap's action in the Pennsylvania railroad wreck was unquestionably very creditable, but for real heroism it doesn't compare with the dashing way in which he defied the danger of sentimentalism when he wrote that arbutus article.—Detroit Tribune.

Hirsute Greatness.

Oh, hail to Mr. Gresham! Although the other four are men who must command our warm respect, he is indeed the statesman whose image o'er has come to soothe the voters' anxious dream. Carls, Lamont and Russell, and also Mr. Smith.

Are recognized as able on the spot; but in times of stress cannot be called upon. He is the only man with whiskers in the lot. Washington Star.

Music at St. Mark's.

The following will be the music program at St. Mark's. In the morning aside from the canticles of the regular service:

Evening song service:
Chorus—Hosanna. Lower
Solo—The Holy City. Adams
Chorus—Fear Not Ye. Make
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Chorus—Fear Not Ye. Make

Rogers is Commander.
Wilbur F. Rogers of Meriden has been elected department commander of the Connecticut G. A. R. Commander Rogers is well known here. Having been in the Meriden post at the time it made its memorable visit to this city in 1891. He was unanimously elected to the office, and his hundreds of Grand Rapids friends will unite in congratulating him upon the honor so thoroughly deserved and so gratefully tendered.

Given Up by His Father.
William Qualey, proprietor of the Boulevard, who was arrested last week for taking part in a prize fight, was given up by his bondsman yesterday, and is now in jail. Qualey's father was on his bond, but the old man became suspicious. Qualey will have an examination Wednesday. The principals of the fight are also awaiting examination.

Under the New Ritual.
Lily lodge Knights of Pythias assembled the amplified third degree on Friday evening. It was the first lodge to work this degree under the new ritual in the city. Leo A. Carr designed the costumes and the agency was painted by Will J. Page and was a remarkably excellent piece of work.

HOTEL CHATS.

"I should like to see the democrats nominate W. R. Shelby for mayor," said "Uncle John" Farr in The Morton yesterday. "I don't think you could get him to accept it, however. He has said two or three times that he wouldn't. It has taken all his spare time to attend to his duties on the board of public works. That's a thankless office if there ever was one. I served on the board two terms. The members get \$150 for each session. Then they pay out \$2 of their money to drive out to look at some public improvement. While I was on the board I have let forty men stand idle while I attended a meeting. The loss in time would be \$15 or \$20. Then we'd pay out \$2 apiece for carriage hire and get \$150 for the session. Yet there are people who wonder why the board can't give more of its time to the city."

Justice Frank A. Hooker of Charlotte dined in The Morton yesterday. "I am up on private business," he said. "No politics connected with it. It is almost too early for politics yet, even if the spring nominations have been made. I see no reason why the republican candidates should feel any uneasiness concerning the result. If republicanism could triumph in Michigan last fall it surely can this spring. The supreme court is crowded with business as usual; but before the legislature adjourns some action will probably be taken toward relieving it. It is not well to be too hasty in a thing of that character. The matter of relief ought to be thoroughly and systematically discussed, and when some plan is adopted it should be the best, and one that will take care of the business to come before the court in the distant future, so far as possible."

"Grand Haven will have better transportation facilities next summer than it has ever had before," said the Hon. T. A. Parish of that city, in The Morton yesterday. "The Goodrich company will run two boats each day to Chicago and another company will run one. We have never had more than one Chicago boat daily. Probably the extra transportation is due to the world's fair, but we get the benefit of it anyway."

Will M. Hine will assume his duties as day clerk in the New Livingston today. Frank Kane, formerly clerk in Sweet's and later with N. C. Johnson in the Plaza hotel at Piqua, O., has succeeded Mr. Hine.

J. E. Rice of the Bridge Street house is in Detroit on business. He will return tonight.
Morton—H. Van Allen, Ionia; T. A. Parish, Grand Haven; T. J. Ramsdell, Manistee; Frank A. Hooker, Charlotte; Frank Wood, Muskegon; J. S. Fletcher, Cadillac.

New Livingston—J. B. Nye, Holland; R. L. Fee, Detroit; Jay Clark, Birmingham; Miss Bates, Clara Bates, Traverse City; H. S. Waterson, Sparis; Miss Mabel Inglis, Miss Ernestine Reul, Muskegon.

SWEET'S—George Munroe, Onondaga; C. A. Bristol, Oakland; C. H. McIntosh, White Cloud; L. V. Davis, Fremont; E. F. Coon, Ionia; F. E. King, Belding.
EAGLE—John W. Mathewson, Lowell; A. E. Roberts, Sparta; W. H. Landin, Scottville; E. R. Temple, Odessa; Jay Pruden, St. Johns.

CLARENDON—W. H. Murray, Coeur d'Alene; Albert Baxter, Muskegon; G. A. Price, Spring Lake; J. E. Meehan, Sutton; G. T. Chapel, Sand Lake; Robert Carlyle, Rockford.
KENT—Nelson Higbee, Morley; L. D. Cummings, Sparta; J. R. Kirkford, Remington; W. Spronabee, Hastings; O. G. Mixer, Muskegon; George A. Link, Cedar Springs.

BRIDGE STREET HOUSE—H. M. Baldwin, Grand Rapids; F. B. Anderson, Canton; George W. Townsend, Ann Arbor; J. R. Pumphrey, Middleville; E. J. Sherman, Coopersville; Richard Beech, Stanton.

ANTLER'S BROWSE.

First Annual Banquet of the Order a Brilliant Success.

Last night the Grand Rapids Order of Antlers held the first annual browse in the rooms of Daisy lodge. Only Elks that have taken the side degree of Antlers were present. The browse was in charge of a committee, of which Fred Shriver, Jr., was chairman. Warren Spretland and C. W. Chumney constituted the other two members.

The banquet hall was arranged as a surprise for the guests, and was a thing of exquisite beauty. The hall was arranged in the form of an ellipse, around the outer circumference of which the members of the order were seated. In the area of the ellipse was a round table, covered with heavy pink satin. Partially hidden by the rich folds of the satin gleamed a circle of electric lamps. At either end of the horizontal diameter of the center table stood a heroic bronze figure bearing a standard, from which shone red, white and blue electric lights. Between the smaller table and the inner circumference of the elliptical table was banked ferns and tropical plants. In the center of the inner table was a huge pair of antlers resting upon a bank of snail. The menu cards were of red satin and were hand-painted. In the upper left hand corner was a pair of antlers, with a label about which was a loose bunch of daisies, the whole being a pretty souvenir of Daisy lodge, to which the Antlers belong.

Wurzburg's band, concealed behind a pink screen, discoursed